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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6701**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 356

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 30, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Officeholder Qualifications.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Charbonneau

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** *Unit Employees Elected to Office-* The bill provides that an employee of a county, city, town, or township (unit) is considered to have resigned from employment with the unit if the employee assumes the elected executive office of the unit or becomes an elected member of the unit's legislative or fiscal body.

*Volunteer Firefighters-* The bill provides that an individual who is serving as a volunteer firefighter may not: (1) assume the office of executive of the unit; or (2) become an elected member of the executive, legislative, or fiscal body of the unit; that oversees the budget and operations of the fire department in which the volunteer firefighter serves. The bill provides, however, that an individual who holds an elected office of a unit may also be appointed to and serve on a board, commission, or committee of the unit, and that an employee of a unit or a volunteer firefighter serving a unit is not prohibited from holding an elected office of another unit.

*Unit Employment and Expiration of Term of Office-* The bill allows an employee or a volunteer firefighter who assumes or holds an elected office on January 1, 2013, to continue to hold the office and be employed by the unit or continue to serve as a volunteer firefighter until the expiration of the term of the elected office that the employee or volunteer firefighter is serving on January 1, 2013.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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